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## III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-35. (Cancelled)

36. Microfluidic connection, comprising

a carrier element comprising a microfluidic channel fixed between a feeding element and a backplate, the feeding element comprising a channel adapted for feeding a fluid into the microfluidic channel;

wherein the backplate comprises a recess, the recess arranged opposing the feeding element, and

the recess comprises an elastic thrust piece.

- 37. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the channel of the feeding element is structured as a macrofluidic channel.
- 38. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the channel of the feeding element is structured as a microfluidic channel.
- 39. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the microfluidic channel of the carrier element is arranged between a first layer and a second layer of the carrier element.
- 40. The microfluidic connection of claim 39, wherein at least one of the first and second layer of the carrier element is structured to form a microfluidic channel.
- 41. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the carrier element comprises an opening on a first side adopted for feeding a fluid from the feeding element into the microfluidic channel.
- 42. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the opening is arranged below the feeding element.
- 43. The microfluidic connection of claim 41, wherein the feeding element comprises a tube having a macrofluidic channel and a channel

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- 44. The microfluidic connection of claim 41, wherein the diameter of the channel head comprises approximately the same value as the diameter of the opening of the first layer.
- 45. The microfluidic connection of claim 42, wherein the backplate is arranged on a second side of the carrier element at least partly opposing the feeding element.
- 46. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, further comprising a clamping element for pressing feeding element and backplate tightly together.
- 47. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the backplate comprises a screw connection to the feeding element for pressing feeding element and backplate together.
- 48. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the backplate comprises a bore with internal thread arranged below a bore hole of the feeding element the bores adopted for holding screws.
- 49. The microfluidic connection of claim 47, wherein the carrier element comprises a bore hole for the screw connection of the backplate.
- 50. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the recess is arranged opposing the opening in the carrier element.
- 51. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the elastic thrust piece comprises at least teflon or polyurethane or PEEK or a material with a resiliency property.
- 52. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the elastic thrust piece comprises a spring loaded thrust piece arranged in the recess.
- 53. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein a volume of the elastic thrust piece volume comprises at least the value of a volume of the recess.
- 54. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the backplate comprises steel or tantalum or titan or PEEK.
- 55. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the feeding element comprises steel or tantalum or titan or PEEK.
- 56. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the carrier element comprises polyimide or PEEK.

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- 57. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein a thickness of the carrier element is in the range of 100 um to 1000 um.
- 58. The microfluldic connection of claim 36, wherein a thickness of the carrier element is approximately 300 um.
- 59. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein a thickness of the microfluidic channel is In the range of 10 um to 100 um.
- 60. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein a thickness of the microfluidic channel is approximately 50 um.
- 61. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the carrier element comprises at least three different layers structured to form at least two separated microfluidic channels.
- 62. The microfluidic connection of claim 41, wherein the opening of the carrier element comprises a radius of smaller than 500 um.
- 63. The microfluidic connection of claim 41, wherein the opening of the carrier element comprises a diameter in the range of 50 um to 200 um.
- 64. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the microfluidic connection is adopted for withstanding fluid feeding pressures up to 400000 hPa.
- 65. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the feeding element comprises an outlet area arranged next to the microfluidic channel.
- 66. The microfluidic connection of claim 36, wherein the carrier element comprises a second channel connected to an outlet area and separated from the microfluidic channel by a valve.
- 67. The microfluidic connection of claim 66, wherein the second channel of the carrier element is connected by an opening to a second microfluidic channel of the feeding element.
- 68. The microfluidic connection of claim 66, wherein the valve is adopted for automatically opening at high pressures, thus providing protection to the subsequent fluidic components.